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1. VPS IS ABLE TO RECEIVE SUBJECT DELEGATION ANY TIME AFTER NOVEMBER 15. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AS WELL AS UNIVERSITY VACATION SEASON.
2. DEPTOFF HAS CONSULTED INFORMALLY WITH STARR AND SOLOTAROFF PER PARA 5, REFTEL. THEY HAVE OFFERED SUGGESTIONS INCLUDING VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES, PUBLISHERS AND SPECIALISTS IN AMERICAN LITERATURE.
3. CU ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPING A GOOD PROGRAM FOR SOVDEL BUT WILL NEED TO KNOW EMBASSY AND SOVIET OBJECTIVES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMMING. AFTER RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION, CU WILL CONSULT FURTHER WITH PROGRAM AGENCY AND OTHERS.

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4. CU SUGGESTS SOVDEL BE KEPT BETWEEN 3 AND 5 PERSONS FOR

MAXIMUM PROGRAMMING EFFECTIVENESS. ADDITIONALLY,
DEVISING GOOD PROGRAM FOR SOVDEL WOULD BE FACILITATED IF CU
KNEW NAMES AND BACKGROUNDS OF PROSPECTIVE DELEGATION

MEMBERS. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL, OF COURSE, IF
EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE TO MEET DELEGATION MEMBERS--OR A
REPRESENTATIVE--TO DISCUSS DETAILED PROGRAM DESIRES. WILL
THE MEMBERS ALL HAVE ENGLISH? ARE THEY ALL LITERARY
SPECIALISTS? RUSSIAN TO ENGLISH OR ENGLISH TO RUSSIAN?
ARE THEY SPECIALISTS IN ANY SPECIFIC AREA OF AMERICAN
LITERATURE? ANSWERS TO SUCH QUESTIONS WILL HELP PLAN MORE
EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. ROBINSON

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